War Review Nazis Facing Disaster in Ukraine Area

By Howard P. Bailey.

Disaster threatens the Nazis, in fact has overtaken them in part, on the eastern front, where the Russian armies, after a series of brilliant and climactic victories, have driven within a few miles of the prewar Rumanian border.

Some reports, not so far entirely confirmed, declare that the Germans at several points have fallen back across the Dniester River to prepare a stand on the Besserabian side of that border-fixing stream.

The Nazis, in their retreat, which n many cases has approached a out, are said to have abandoned equipment in quantity not heretofore encountered in the war. It is believed that the last pools of reserves have been exhausted and that the Nazis must quit the lower Ukraine speedily or face the loss of large bodies of troops now in imminent danger of entrapment. The week opened badily for the

Nazis last Sunday when the Russians began to put on the pressure in the direction of Kherson, Black Sea port at the outlet of the Dnieper River. At least 5,000 Nazis were reported killed, bringing to 60,000 the number losing their lives during the first eight days of the new offensive in the lower Ukraine. From Tarnopol in Poland, at the upper end of the southern line, to Berislav near Kherson, the entire front was alive with Russian pressure massive at many points.

In Tarnopol the fighting was bitter in the extreme, the Nazis fighting from house to house as they slowly gave way before the drive which has as its objective the Carpathian Mountains, a foothold in which would definitely split the Nazis and make more difficult the escape of the lower armies, which once their stronghold. then would be forced to funnel into Rumania through a relatively narrow escape corridor.

Only Odessa Left.

Acutely aware of their danger the conflicts: Nazis by Tuesday were retreating came late Monday night, left only

Adding to the Nazis troubles was south. leading northwestward from Odessa. leaving only a single-track road back into Besserabia in Nazi hands. Over this inadequate line, supplies for 200,000 men believed in the Odessa area must move and when the final retreat comes this same line must provide escape, obviously a task beyond the capacities of the road which explains the concentration of shipping at Odessa.

As the week ended, a survey indicated that some 45,000 Nazis, entrapped near Nikolaev, had been exterminated and that the pressure Odessa on the Bug River toward Hannover. Odessa, 75 miles away. Another is pushing down the Cherkassy-Odessa rail line. A third, moving forward caused by the heaviest German raid of British and Indian troops has from recently captured Uman is in many months when a force num- established a line along the Mayu nearing the Dniester River and the bering between 150 and 200 German range on the west banks of the fourth striking out from below planes swept in to attack. Damage Chindwin River. The troops are 100 Tarnopol which is the scene of fierce was extensive and there was some miles from their objectives at the to further our political aims. Nazis is aimed at the bend in the Dniester where it lies closest to the unspecified objectives, during which heading eventually into Lashio,

Up on the Finnish front where there are new signs of increased hostility following the rejection of the Russian armistice terms by the Finnish government it was reported that Russian paratroopers had landed behind the northern

flank of the Finnish line. Diplomatic pressure is still being applied to the Finns to get out of the war but her statesmen are apprehensive over their country' future fearing that to yield now will mean incorporation of their state within the Russian system.

Cassino Eliminated.

The receding floods in the Cassino sector of the Gustave Line in Southern Italy spelled the doom of that strong anchor of the Nazis positions for, the time having arrived for a renewal of the Allied advance toward Rome, American fivers turned loose the most concentrated load of bombs ever to have been dropped on a given area, completely eliminating Cassino. leaving such an impassible pile of rubble that Allied troops, taking the offensive, were badly delayed by the wreckage from behind which dazed Nazis continued to fight

At least 2,500 tons of bombs were dropped on an area of about one square mile in a series of 3,000 sorties by planes of all types, causing complete devastation

drawn from Cassino to make way for the bombers swung into action bombs had fallen and quickly swept into the city, where they met sharp resistance from the Nazis who apparently intend to obey Hitler's American losses. orders to hang on at all costs.

As the week ended, however, the 8th Army was clear through the city to the southern outskirts to

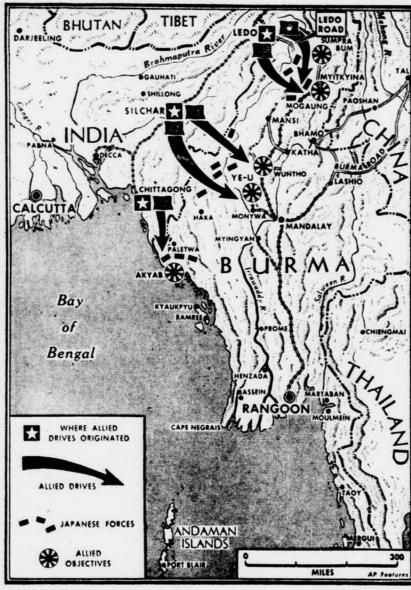
In the Anzio area, Allied forces moves northward from Cassino.

the enemy's lines of communica- hammered. No fighter resistance his answer to the contention of the tions and bases to the rear and on was encountered Friday one force of bombers hopped the Alps to bomb Vienna, the to the enemy was the announce- traversy, which he reviews in detail first time this has been acccom- ment during the week by Secretary in a 34-page single-spaced docuplished from Italian bases. Other of the Navy Knox that every two ment. He justifies the need for the groups have carried on raids to aid hours another warship of one type FEPC's order in the light of the to tie down large forces of Nazis Navy. The strength of the Navy in- this statement: fronts, Germans facing Anzio un- 1, 1942, to 4,167 on January 1 of this President in November, 1943, rederwent a Cassino-like raid yes- year. The Navy, including marines ported a need of 497 workers in the

Air Raids Lighter.

While the tempo of the air raids year. against Germany and Germana heavy blow at Germany's war in- to produce planes. dustries when Stuttgart was blasted Gen. MacArthur, commander in men.

one of the spots at which invasion this year which have placed the war With regard to the FEPC's author-



BURMA! The Road Back

take the rap in the Burma trap-coast of Burma

Three Allied spearheads out of India are hitting the enemy where Allies have only one and one-half the hitting hurts most and within months at most to gain their imme recent weeks the offensives have diate objectives before the dreader

1. The North Burma drive out of halt all but desultory operations for rapidly toward Odessa where a con- Ledo, India, aimed at connecting six months. centration of ships of all kinds in- the Ledo road with the upper

but did run into considerable flak, two planes failing to return.

Tuesday night, taking advantage of a bomber's moon, British planes hit the railroad facilities at Le Mans on the shortest route between the west and south coasts of France, crippling the ability of the Nazis to move supplies and men back and forth between these two potential invasion areas.

Wednesday American heavy bombers smashed at Central Ger-

London, in the meantime, was Myitkyina.

Prut River marking what Russia 34 American planes were lost but now considers the border of which cost the enemy 125, including

black-painted night fighters. Action Light in Pacific.

proved their position at many points tire territory fed by the railway and Axis was predicated, so far as the and the Japanese paid heavily for a enemy forces quite possibly from belief that those small ethnological that the border between Poland and lied troops from their positions around Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island

proved and far off in India, Allied push eastward into China. forces gained considerable success. The battle for Akyab has no imin Burma as they hurried to consol- mediate connection with the other idate their gains before the arrival two campaigns. It is progressing of the rapidly approaching monsoon favorably, if slowly. Akyab is al season. Paratroopers were landed most entirely land-circled by British behind the Japanese lines for the and West African troops. This port the Japs seeking to prevent access supply base. to the Burma road, Saturday new raids on the Kuriles were reported Wotho, an atoll lying between Eniwetok and Kwajalein, was seized by the Navy Monday in a bloodless landing while down on New Guinea, major test case of the FEPC re Wewak was bombed with the loss cently when a House subcommitof 25 Japanese planes and the de- tee investigating struction of fuel and ammunition agencies decided to inquire into it. dumps, losses which increase in seriousness as Jap shipping is sent to of which Representative Smith,

the bottom. areas just beyond the American power to act in the case. lines. At least 1,000 of the enemy were killed in a week with very light

Truk Hit Again.

which the Nazis still cling. The units of the dismounted 1st Cavalry investigate and review them, and enemy still holds the badly-battered Division had landed on Manus Is- took no concrete action toward enland, last Jap strong point in the have beaten off several determined Admiralties and that the air field the Railroad Labor Executives Comcounteroffensives and have is in imminent danger of falling to mittee, representing the unions, apslightly improved their positions the Americans. It was reported also peared at the hearings with inbecome increasingly that Truk again had been bombed structions to back up Mr. Aldermenacing if and when the 5th Army by land-based bombers and that air man's statements. fields, fuel and ammunition dumps Allied aircraft continue to pound and other facilities had been badly just filed with the Smith committee

Giving no least speck of comfort tion exceeded its powers in the con-Tito in Yugoslavia, who continues or another joins the United States existing war manpower situation by which are so badly needed on other creased from 913 ships on January

occupied countries was somewhat of aircraft in fights with the Japs increase of approximately 50 per slower last week than the week be- now is running at the rate of one cent in a period of two months. The fore there were several heavy at- American plane for each 13 Jap specific needs at the first of this tacks featured by 1,000 planes or planes, a gratifying ratio, especially year of the 14 railroads involved more, one of which at least, struck in view of the comparative abilities here were for 384 brakemen. 255 Bureau

by 3,360 tons of bombs aimed at the the South Pacific, in a statement to- Thus, Mr. Ross held, the "full Bosch ignition works and engine ward the end of the week renewed utilization" of manpower demanded was not so heavy as during the previous week.

In promise that ne would return to the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines, a promise which no longer refers to a vague future date of the Philippines which no longer refers to a vague future date of factories. Nazi fighter resistance his promise that he would return to in the President's executive order force of bombers Sunday but rather to some time no longer promotion to jobs for which they gathered should furnish the basis and diplomatic news, concerning Garden," by Fred W. Geise and raided Pas-de-Calais, in the so- too far distant, especially in view of were fitted. called rocket-gun area and also in the tremendous accomplishments

The Japanese are beginning to port of Akyab on the west-central ring behind the diplomatic scene as

Time Favors Enemy.

Time favors the enemy. reached the proportions of major monsoons, with an average rainfall

Should the Allies fall short of dicated preparations for a Dun- Burma road to reopen a ground sup- their objectives by the time the But in every case wars were the im- Nazi-subjected nations. monsoons arrive they face the pros-2. The West Burma invasion out pect of ignominious retreat to India. Nikolaev and Odessa as escape ports of Silchar, aimed at the strategical- The territory they now hold is infor the Nazis and Nikolaev fell on ly important Burma railway and Ir- accessible in wet weather and even rawaddy River, running north and planes are grounded much of the time. There would be no way to the severing of the main rail line 3. The spearhead which jumped supply the troops with food and cause she was an independent counfrom Chittagong to push into the munitions. They would have to retreat to survive.

> trained Chinese troops appears most likely to achieve its objective.

vengeance forces are only 70 miles nation or less from the strategic town of

closest point. This force, also, in-Thursday came the big raid on tends to open the Burma road by original Burma road starting point. Control of the Irrawaddy River and Burma railway is of extreme importance. It means utter disrup-Action was relatively light in the tion of supplies and troops; routing The liberal lease-lend aid given to the American people to have any Pacific though Allied forces im- of Jap concentrations along the en- the European states fighting the other situation.

Akyab Supply Base.

This would permit the Allies to Rabaul was further softened renegotiate the Burma road, contoward the day when it will be oc- solidate their own positions by cupied and Wewak on New Guinea strengthening supply and communi inderwent similar treatment. Amer- cation lines, and weld an unvieldcan hold on the Marshalls was im- ing front that eventually would

first time and posed a threat to is sorely needed as an Allied air and

FEPC

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administrative Appearing before the committee, Democrat, of Virginia is chairman, Tuesday Tokio claimed that Jap- Sieney S. Alderman, general solici-

Asked Inquiry Only.

The President, Mr. Alderman contended, apparently had grave doubts himself as to the enforceability of forcement

Frank P. Mulholland, counsel for

Chairman Ross of the FEPC has roads and union that the organiza-

"The 14 railroads certified to the 3,700,000 men by the end of the fireman and switchman. In January, 1944, they reported a need of Mr. Knox also stated that the loss 993 persons in those occupations, an locomotive firemen and 354 switch-

Claims Right to Act. disputed so far as Government em- ministration.

News on Diplomatic Front Leaves Much Undisclosed The New Books

Ultimate Victory in War Held Dependent The Bay of Silence Upon Attaining Objectives of All Nations Involved in Opposing Nazis

By Constantine Brown.

The charter was accepted without

ternal affairs of other people."

Change in Tone.

Secret Treaties Denied.

Everything that was discussed at

the Moscow conference has not been

disclosed to the public. We were

given the text of the agreements

signed and were assured that signi-

tures had been affixed to no secret

Eden, there is more than one way

Yet the Russian government has

No Statements Issued.

that the Russians are killing many

Germans. Hence, it would be poor

ought to know from reading history

that war is not a policy but an in-

strument of policy, overlook this

The diplomatic theater of opera-

tions is more active today than ever

ance to Gen. Mihailovich, is one of

those deep diplomatic mysteries

None of these facts involving the

two small states of Yugoslavia and

Poland, to say nothing about the

Baltic republics, can dovetail by the

widest stretch of the imagination

the Atlantic Charter. It is not

in whose hands fundamentally rests

the question of war and particularly

thing one talks about only in whis-

The moves behind the diplomatic

while Tito is killing Germans."

"After all, my dear fel-

fundamental principle.

The people of the United States while at least, to Europe's problem have a fair idea of the progress of after Hitler has been defeated. the war on the military fronts. Certain news is being delayed or sup- restriction by all the members of the pressed because of military exigen- United Nations, including Russia. cies. But on the whole the picture is When it was signed in Washington rope: the campaign in Italy has be the new family of nations, not a have not yet reached the principal made any reservations.

Actual losses suffered by all the himself, when suspicious European

MacArthur, we may expect stepping up of our offensive against the Japs. How great these reinforcements are and when they will be sent depends largely on political and military deelopments across the Atlantic. But while news regarding the war

s fairly satisfactory, the same cannot be said concerning the amount clusively on how much and how of information imparted to the public about the diplomatic front. Yet, plies could reach her. it is as important today to have a for which we are fighting is not acbeen bled in the past, and it is feared statement, quotes from which were accomplished in the eyes of their Russia like ourselves and the British leaders only by the force of arms. was interested in merely freeing plementation of a definite policy.

Other War Aims.

Germany went to war to attain her objective of dominating Europe or the world. Poland resisted betry and her policy demanded that she maintain her sovereignty even at the risk of destruction. In 1939 Fin-The drives are progressing. The land, a small nation with a popula-North Burma fighting force of tion of 3,500,000, resisted Russia, American infantry and American- which has a population 50 times as large, because her people also had decided that subjugation was not in Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's line with the policies of a civilized

Great Britain went to war to sup-Myitkyina, northern gateway to the port such policies and also to pre- ments were signed, according to Burma road, head of the Irrawaddy serve her role as one of the greatest Secretary of State Hull and British River and Burma railway terminus. world powers. Russia associated Foreign Foreign Secretary Anthony The jungle-toughened forces are herself with the Axis in 1939 to acpushing along the Mainkwang- complish her political goal of rein- of discussing and agreeing on was on at four points. One Red many objectives, the raid being fea. Mogaung road. Just behind them stating Czarist Russia's old frontiers, troublesome questions. force was moving ahead from Nova tured by a heavy air battle over the engineer corps works furiously The attack by the Nazis brought forth to accomplish

To many, America's independence appeared to be threatened in 1940 of the Atlantic Charter, Poland and

But ever since this country assorope in 1917, the American people Nazis are expelled from their terridesired to see a world free of ag- tories and their former governments gressive threats. They hoped that a have returned and submitted themstatus quo on the basis of the settle- selves to the verdict of their own ment made in Europe after the citizens, it would be unjust and tion of Japanese inland transporta- World War would be maintained, against the principles indorsed by desparate effort to dislodge the Al- the entire northern half of Burma. states which were created with our Russia is to be the Curzon line. assistance after that war should And what is still more important. survive. There were, of course, many Moscow has decided that the Polish flaws in their "construction"; their government in exile is composed of governments were not what we al- a bunch of reactionaries and has ways would have liked to have seen. indicated that it wants to establish But on the whole they were con- a government of its own liking in sidered in this country as the best Warsaw. possible answer to Europe's peren-

> Charter Warmly Welcomed. ception from the overwhelming ma- about that document is tantamount was considered by many political a critical time.

> President Wilson's 14 points. The Atlantic Charter is by no tween the lines of various news reneans perfect. But under the ports of a diplomatic character. No circumstances it was about the best official statement is made from instrument which intelligent states- those responsible for the political men could devise and did emphasize conduct of the war. Any insistance the principal purpose of the Ameri- on finding out the truth is brushed can people. If applied honestly, it aside with a confidential whisper would offer the best solution, for a that we must first win the war and

observers as a step further than

ploves and workers in industries with anese troops were taking over one tor of the Southern Railroad, who Government contracts is concerned—policy to annoy the executioners of American position after another, re- also acted as representative of the he quoted an opinion by John Lord the Hitlerites. Diplomais, who ferring perhaps to the hundreds of 13 other lines involved in the con- O'Brien, general counsel for the War Japanese dead who now occupy troversy, firmly denied the FEPC's Production Board, issued in January,

1943, defining the term "defense industries" as including transportation. This opinion, Mr. Ross held, justified the FEPC's view that railroads came within its range of authority, before. What is behind the British However, he admitted that after the abandonment of the Serbian Chetthe FEPC's directives, inasmuch as he merely appointed a committee to he merely appointed a committee to he never within itself to enforce it. no power within itself to enforce it. King in favor of the Soviet-spon-FEPC directives, he said, may be sored Marshal Tito, and our joining

considered "directory only" and "not them by cutting off nominal assistmanadatory. "In this connection," he added, "it should be pointed out that the com- which is answered by the staple mittee has never taken the position sentence: that it could of itself enforce, or call low, Mihailovich is doing nothing upon the courts to enforce, its directives as other governmental agencies, expressly authorized by statute

to make and issue rules and orders, may do. "The committee has recognized that, aside from the force of public with the fundamental principles of opinion, its ultimate and only sanction is the disposition of the Presi-likely that the British government dent to use his good offices or his conceived the charter merely to give power to effect compliance with its a "cop" to American public opinion

And there the matter stands today. Yet for months many business postwar policies. The charter was firms and minority group laborers accepted formally and definitely by and coast guardsmen, will number occupations of brakeman, locomotive the agency's powers, which have tion for an improvement in the as well have been in doubt as to this entire Nation as the best solubeen previously defined in only the world situation. Today it is some-

In view of the threat carried in pers at diplomatic gatherings lest the Russell amendment to the pend-some of our principal associates ing independent offices appropria- might become annoyed at being retion bill, President Roosevelt, on minded of its implications. March 9, sent to the House a Budget \$585,000 for the FEPC's operations which the people in this country cautionary work by David B. Greenn the coming fiscal year.

Hearings on this appropriation bill news can be given out because we will give Congress an opportunity are certain that even if things do land University's horticulture defor legislation clearly defining their which the repercussion is lasting. V. R. Boswell (No. 34). scope and function. This is required and a premature disclosure might for public enlightenment and in the spike many plans which have been from the Public Library. Eighth and might come. This force Liberators against Japan far ahead of sched- ity to issue directives which is un- interest of sound Government ad- formulated behind diplomatic closed K streets N.W., or through any

By Eduardo Mallea. Translated from the Spanish by Stuart Edgar Grummon (Knopf.

The author of this novel is one of the leading writers of Argentina. Previous to the appearance of this work he has had only one thing translated in this country, a novelette called "Fiesta in November. The present book seems to have commended itself to his publisher because it is an effort to find and military operation in Western Eu- belonging to what we hoped would tine a matter which is a matter which is a rope; the campaign in Italy has be the new family of nations, not a been unsuccessful inasmuch as we single representative of these powers just now.

It seems doubtful to the reviewer, A few months later Premier Stalin however, that "The Bay of Silence" Allied troops which are participating allies such as the Poles began to in the Italian offensive have not yet wonder about his aims regarding states. It is an intellectual exerbeen revealed because this would their country, said "We have not cise carried out in a somewhat arid mean giving valuable information to and cannot have any such war aims sphere. It seems to have been writthe enemy. But eventually they will as the imposing of our will and ten for the author's own sake alone regime upon, the Slavonic or any other enslaved nations of Europe achieves and are about centing our help. One could call it, indeed, a novel call it is exquisitely continued to the could call it. than anywhere else and are about cepting our help. Our aim is to help planned and finely balanced, but i three months ahead of schedule. the nations * * * and then to leave it contains no element which an When proper reinforcements of men to them quite freely to organize ordinary reader will recognize as a and planes are sent to Gen. Douglas their own lives and their land. There plot, nor do its characters—though some of them are vividly portrayedmust be no interference in the intake part in any connected action It is solely the history of one man's spiritual progress in relation to his This was the picture in the fall emotions toward his native land.

of 1942 when Russia was hard It is told in the first person, in pressed by the Nazi hordes and her ability to continue her valiant rethe manner of a reminiscent sosistance was dependent almost exliloquy. It is divided into three sections. In the first the hero relates quickly American and British suphow, in his early youth, he was in rebellion against the materialistic spirit which prevailed in his country Since the resounding victory at clear conception of what is occur- Stalingrad and particularly since and took part in the production of the Red armies approached their a little magazine of revolt. Nothing it is to know what is happening on old boundaries there has been a came of the effort and the young the battle fronts. A military victory definite change in the lofty ideals man went abroad. The second part may mean nothing if the purpose expressed so vigorously by Russia's deals with the last months of several years' European residence. In Bruspremier and commander in chief. complished by such a victory. War Until the tables were turned on the sels he meets a group of anti-Fascist is only an instrument of policy, but Nazis the Russians were fighting a exiles, listens to their arguments and never a policy itself. Nations have military battle exclusively. Stalin's bootless plans and decides they are doomed as far as any effectuality of 3 to 4 inches a day, move in to been bled in the past, and it is leared statement, quotes from which were goes. The third part describes his that they will be bled in the future taken from the official Soviet organ goes. because their political aims could be Pravda, proved conclusively that renewed residence in Argentina originally affronted him advanced to frank corruption.

> Throughout the three parts there But since the fortunes of war and he assistance of America and Brit- is a relating symbolism. In a woman ain turned the tide of the war in of an old and aristocratic Argentine favor of the Red armies, political family the young man sees his ideal motives began to enter into Moscow's of the uncorrupted spirit of his land. calculations. There have been such She is unapproachable. He never statements as "the constitution of meets her. He does meet, however, Russia is the basic law of our a second woman, a working girl,

who seems to him the reflection of the first woman's noble spirit in her to despair. The book ends with the hero's reflection that the world reviewer is entirely familiar with is not ready for rebirth, but that the manifestation as applied to the treaties. But while no secret agreements were signed according to

all the efforts of all the scattered human race, she confesses that she subsequent development as an artments were signed according to the eventual time.

D Day

to push the Ledo road on to Russia into our camp, but the So- change of the British government's up to its composition, he had never God a tired, worried old man and, about equally and had a most inviet did not abandon even then the attitude toward Poland and Yugo- written a personal narrative. His out of pity for His distractedness, formal kind of schooling. Then, promise which may have been entirely factual. The three volumes, reached at Moscow. By the terms he reminds us, "scarcely contain the even feels inspirited enough to per- wich Village and support herself first person singular." That is true, form a miracle. Well, there you are. while she studied painting and after the fall of France, and we were Yugoslavia should be privileged, and one would imagine that it made determined to go to war if necessary after they have been liberated, to a record of which Mr. Gunther One Times One settle all domestic questions in what- would be proud. Where else is there ever manner their own people deciated herself with the wars of Eu- sire. But until such time as the behind him and scarcely any I's? have to admit that, though, if you she wanted to create. But she met a reporter with three thick books The factual journalist is practically extinct. Alas that Mr. Gunther feelings. But you cannot blink the tion and fought a plucky fight for could not be content to rest on his unique laurels! But no. He will have none of them. He has written a book in which, like a hundred of for his present volume. It is a met the artistic great in many his colleagues, he takes the world

into his confidence on a war corre- belong. spondent's difficulties in getting shaving cream up at the front and war correspondent's feelings when crawling with fleas. He throws in do that.

tions of the fighting and of Gen regretting the lapse) reports factujority of the American people and to blocking the Allied war effort at ally on the complicated political This at least is what can be gathered by observers in reading behe set out to write-just one mor

American collaboration in the Mediterranean fighting. Many reporters have commented on this. Mr. Gun-

Book Pointers

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For the beginner, L. Richard Guy lay's "Vegetable Gardening Every One" gives instructions for growing 30 popular vegetables. In spiration through the finest color photographs from many seed catalogues accompanies a sound text with plans in Daniel J. Foley's "Vegetable Gardening in Color." Jean-Marie Putnam calls her "Gardens for Victory" a "little book to help your garden * * * produce continuous supplies of nutritious food properly selected, on the smallest space in the shortest time, for the least cost." Quick, easy and accurate gardening education is given by the picture method in Edna

The Victory garden editor of the Chicago Sun. James H. Burdett sponsors a "Victory Garden Manual" and Madeline Fess Mehlig tells how to go about "Food Planning for

The writings of Maurice Greville Kains, "We Wanted a Farm," "Five Acres and Independence" and "Food Gardens for Defense," are entertaining and helpful, as is Bertha Damon's relaxing and witty volume "So You're recommendation asking scenes today are a deep secret in Going to Buy a Farm" is a wise and

By Mary-Carter Roberts. The Proud People By Kyle Crichton. (Scrtb-

Though this novel deals in subject with the problems created in our Southwest by the prejudice of Anglo-Saxon Americans against Spanish-Americans, it is essentially a novel of character. And it is a very good novel of character, too. It gives us a large and ancient Spanish - American family, with members extending through three generations, and a wide circle of highly variegated friends, and shows us how this colorful tribe reacts to a series of modern emergencies. Its people, however, are always more interesting than its problems, and that is the best praise for a problem novel that the reviewer can think of. It occurred to her, even, as she

read the story through, that these Spanish-Americans, though of Latin blood and belonging to a very small minority of the general population, are remarkably like many Anglo-Saxon families of similar quality. They are aristocrats in whom the idea of aristocracy has little connection with the idea of wealth. They are highly individualistic. They are proud, high-spirited and conscious of tradition. In some cases they barely eke out a living. and that at ordinary occupationsas running country stores or little businesses. But they maintain a freedom of soul, even so. They know what is due them from themselves. which is the soul of the aristocratic theory. There are many such families in the length and breadth of America. The Spanish descent of Mr. Crichton's Esquivels seemed to the reviewer more or less incidental. They are one group of native Americans not essentially different from the other old-established

stocks. The working out of "The Proud People" consists, in the main, of the troubles of two members of the present generation—a young man and a young woman. This pair, however, moves constantly against a background of gloriously picturesque elders, and one reads for the sake of these members of the eems to have spread over consid- cast quite as much as for the leading characters. If one has a critiits shadow everywhere today - if cism to make, it is that the story shadow be the word for an effect contains too many incorruptible individualists for one book. But that is a criticism distinctly on the side of approval.

By Angna Enters. (Houghton

Mifflin.) Angna Enters, the distinguished pantomimic dancer, has written here the story of her childhood, of her youth as a student and of her applied to the Creator. But find it thinks of it, somehow, as consistshe did, notwithstanding. In Ketti ing of a single silken thread.

Frings' interpretation, God is as Miss Enters was the daughter of French mother and an Austrian The point of view is expressed by father, both of whom were individuals first and parents only later. observes, was relinquish their small faults, and lo after her father's death, she went -there is cheer in heaven and God alone to New York to live in Greendancing. She knew, at a surpristo do with the dancing—the form E. E. Cummings is a poet. You of character interpretation which like poetry, it may grind your finer with difficulty in getting recogni-

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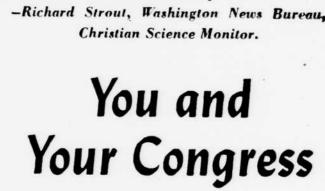
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